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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Masaki TSUNEKANE et al.

Appl. No.: NEW Group:

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For: LASER-DIODE-PUMPED SOLID-STATE LASER APPARATUS AND STATUS DIAGNOSTIC METHOD OF THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

March 7, 2002

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

26. (Amended) The status diagnostic method of a laser-diode-pumped solid-state laser apparatus according to claim 23, wherein

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reflection unit for reflecting said fluorescence is included in a region of an outer periphery of said optical unit except for the vicinity of said photo-detector, and